

## CHURCH PLANTING IN TALY

Serving the people of Italy with the message of the Gospel since 1980

## The Church is now established in love and unity...

## **IT'S TIME TO ATTACK!**

The last two years were tough! People needed to learn the basics of discipleship and of the Bible faith, but a wonderful spirit of unity and honor is now palpable. We really feel that the "army" is ready to invade the streets of the city!

We held a class about spiritual gifts that are vital for a successful evangelization. Discovering how the Holy Spirit moves, and leads us when we reach out to people with the precious message of the gospel- this is encouraging and sometimes life changing for new believers.

We really feel that this is the time to start to go out of the Church's walls and share God's love with those who don't know Him.

**Finally...** Because of the lack of time we delayed the newsletter, because we were not able to be consistent, but we are finally able to start to communicate all the news from the field here in northern Italy.

We have a lot of exiting news and we really hope this will encourage you and will motivate you to stand with us in prayer. God answers the cry of His people and we really need your support!

God is on the move! The economy in Italy is facing difficult times, and many of the Church members have

been affected by the crisis. But we have a God who answers prayers! We started to cry out to the Lord for the needs that we have and He answered. One testimony after another we have been overwhelmed by the goodness of our Heavenly Father.

Another terrible issue we are facing is the dismantling of family and fathers living at home.

Valentina is mother of two. She never had a job in the past because she had always depended economically on her husband's income. The youngest son was also affected by a chronical growth disorder. She is a faithful believer who was just ordained deaconess when, without a warning, her husband left her without a cent, a job or home... **but not without her God!** The Church started to help and pray.

Now, after only a few months, she has a very good job (this is a miracle!), her eldest son also found a job (second miracle) and a new home is almost ready for them! This family is starting a new season in the blessings of the Lord. **God is a good God!** 



Albina is a Ukrainian immigrant married to an Italian man. She is a very strong woman, used to working hard. One day she felt a strange uncomfortable sensation in her womb. After a while she went to the doctor "just in case..."

When the physician called her after the tests results his expression was subdued. The word "cancer" brought chills into the room. But not in Albina's heart! She immediately and resolutely declared with a smile on her face: "I am healed! By the stripes of Jesus I'm healed!".

The doctor thought that was the shock caused by what she had just heard.

The weeks went by and to every bad report Albina answered with the same declaration. After a while the hospital suggested a psychiatric consultation!

Every time we visited her, or called on the phone to try to encourage her... we were the ones who were encouraged and challenged by her faith!

One day she went to the hospital (where she was now famous for her "craziness") to receive the results of her last tests. She immediately understood that something strange was taking place. The unbelieving doctors and nurses were celebrating: no more traces of cancer in her body! The crazy Ukrainian woman was right: by His stripes she is healed!

We have seen many other healings, but the most important one is the one that changes the heart of men, performed by the Spirit of the Lord, who makes us children of God and make us born again.

*How you can partner with us.* As usual the needs for the work of God are many, and He chooses us in different roles using our different talents and gifts. We really believe in prayer, and we honestly ask you to put this letter on your fridge, or better in the room where you have your devotion, and pray. We can sustain lack of many things, but we do need the prayers of the body of Christ!

If you desire to support financially you can help with the two most urgent projects we have right now.

## $\mathcal{P}$ . $\mathcal{A}$ . system for the outreach. We need a good audio system for the

outreaches we will hold from April to September. The quote is € 2.500 (2,850 US dollars). We have already received € 300 from a dear brother so what we need now is € 2.300 (2,620 US dollars).

We will start the beginning of April and we trust God to provide for what He asks of us.



A car for the ministry. Our old Ford Focus literally cries out to retire ©.

We need to constantly be praying that she will be "faithful until the end". We travel a lot and we seriously need a trustworthy vehicle for the ministry.

We would like to buy a second hand 7 seat car, with a large trunk for the audio system, instruments etc. The estimated cost will be € 12.000 (13,700 US dollars).

Thanks in advance for your prayers and financial support. We know that God will lead you according to His will.



Italy is a real mission field, and the love and support from the body of Christ means everything. We believe that the Church here has a very important role to play in this unique hour, but now our duty is to call out the people from the darkness into His wonderful light, by the glorious power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.** Roberto & Paola Albano

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